

### Seizure of RDX

3738. COL. SONA RAM CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether 67 KG high explosives (RDX) was seized by the security forces from Shri Punraj Singh and his associates;

(b) whether a gang of smugglers including Shri Punraj Singh is operating on behest of ISI of Pakistan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the younger brother and some of relations of a sitting MLA are also involved in smuggling of Arms and Ammunitions;

(e) if so, whether an inquiry by the Central agency has been conducted in this matter; and

(f) if so, the outcome thereof along with the number of persons arrested so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). As per available information Shri Punraj Singh and his associates were operating as trans-border smugglers.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) and (f). The State Government authorities are investigating the case.

[Translation]

### Computer in Government Offices

3739. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is compulsory to purchase bilingual computers in the Government offices; and

(b) if so, the reasons for doing all the work in English despite having the bilingual computers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not correct to say that all work is being done in English despite having the bilingual computers. As per the quarterly progress reports furnished by various Ministries/Departments, at present 28.7% of the total work done on bilingual computers is in Hindi.

[English]

### Financial Allocations to Chandigarh

3740. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the total financial allocations made for

the Union Territory of Chandigarh during the financial year 1995-96 were completely utilized;

(b) if so, the details of the amount spent under various heads and sub-heads; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). No, Sir. There were, however, only marginal savings of Rs. 19 lakhs on plan account and Rs. 1.33 crores on non-plan account mainly because of non-creation of certain posts.

### Factories Polluting the Environment

3741. SHRI JOACHIM BAXLA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of factories like beaten rice, plastics etc. have been set up/are being set up in South Bihar without the pollution control device being installed;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure that these factories strictly adhere to the pollution control norms/guidelines/directives laid down from time to time; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken against those found guilty in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (c). Bihar Pollution Control Board (BPCB), have informed that some very tiny units of beaten rice/plastics are being set up in South Bihar, particularly in Deoghar. Normally such tiny units are non-polluting.

(d) BPCB is keeping a close watch over such units.

[Translation]

### Foreign Agencies Aid to NGOs

3742. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :  
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in 'Indian Express', dated November 6, 1996 under the captions "NGOs told not to follow foreign agencies dictates blindly";

(b) if so, whether several of the voluntary social organisations in the country are getting regular financial assistance from abroad;

(c) if so, the names of the voluntary organisations functioning in the country getting foreign financial assistance from abroad during the last three years from March, 1993 to March, 1996; and

(d) the amount received by each of them from the foreign sources during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). The news item referred to in the question relates to a convention of the NGOs held in Patna where mainly World Bank assistance to NGOs was discussed. So far as organizations/associations who have been permitted to receive foreign contribution under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 are concerned, their names and the amount of foreign contributions received by them collectively for the various activities during 1993-1994 and 1994-95, are contained in the copies of the annual report regarding 'Receipt of Foreign Contribution by Voluntary Associations' which are available in the Parliament Library. Since there are more than 11,000 reporting Units, the data for 1995-96 is not yet ready as its sorting and compilation is a time consuming process.

#### Staff of Fertilizer Factories

3743. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is immense resentment among the staff of all the fertilizer factories in the country as the revision of their wages has not been done for a long time;

(b) whether the management, with the concurrence of the Union leaders, have sent a proposal to the Ministry for the reconstruction and renovation of these fertilizer factories; and

(c) if so, the time by when the Government would take a final decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) In all the Public Sector Fertilizer Undertakings except Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) and Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) which have been declared as sick by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), the revision of wages/salaries have been effected. In respect of private sector fertilizer undertakings, the revision of wages/salaries is made by their respective managements.

(b) and (c). The Government had in April, 1995 approved, in principle, the revival packages of HFC and FCI. However funding arrangement could not be tied up. An expert Group was constituted to reformulate these revival packages which had appointed a consultancy organisation to undertake an independent appraisal of the technical viability of the revival packages from the standpoint of funding by the Financial Institutions. The consultancy organisation has since submitted its report based on which the Group would reformulate the revival packages for consideration by the Government. However, the final decision on the

implementation of the reformulated revival packages would depend upon the tie up of funding arrangements and outcome of the proceedings pending before the BIFR, which is a quasi-judicial authority.

#### Statute Flag to Jammu and Kashmir

3744. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "UF ready to give Kashmir Statute, Flag", appearing in Telegraph, dated November 17, 1996;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government propose autonomy to three regions of the State viz Kashmir Valley, Jammu and Ladakh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). Government are aware of the report in question. The Government has already stated that it is in favour of "Maximum Autonomy" for the State of Jammu and Kashmir. Government would consider the details in this regard at an appropriate stage and time, as and when specific proposals are made to it. According to available information the State Government has set up two Committees to examine the issue of Autonomy for the State of Jammu and Kashmir, as also with reference to the question of Regional Autonomy within the State. It is not possible or feasible to give any more details at this stage.

#### Representation of Women in Parliament and State Assemblies

3745. SHRI O.P. JINDAL : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to make provision for representation of the women belonging to Other Backward Classes in Parliament and State Legislative Assemblies as is being done for the women in general;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (c). The matter is under consideration of the Government.

#### Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited

3746. SHRI P.V. RAJESHWAR RAO : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals